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**Lt. Governor's Office on Aging Partners With SCETV and  
Other Agencies for "Live Well South Carolina" at the State Fair**

*Lt. Governor André Bauer to present award for Outstanding Older South Carolinian for 2005*

(Columbia-) Information about health and wellness, the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, living wills, access to long-term care services and many other topics will be available to seniors and their families visiting the SCETV exhibit in the Ruff Building at the State Fair on Senior Day, Wednesday, October 12.

Live Well South Carolina is a special one-day only event that will guide people through the maze of changes happening in Medicare, as well as other vital topics including diabetes and heart disease. SCETV is partnering this year with the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging, AARP South Carolina, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Hospital and Medical Associations to bring programs and informational exhibits to fairgoers on Senior Day, when people age 55 and older will be admitted to the State Fair at no charge. Lt. Governor André Bauer, who assumed leadership of the state's aging programs in July of 2004, will present an award to the Outstanding Older South Carolinian of the Year at 1 p.m. The winner of this year's award is from Orangeburg County.

"I am honored to be presenting this award," said Bauer. "It recognizes an individual age 65 or older who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a commitment to community involvement, and this year's recipient is the embodiment of volunteerism and service to his fellow citizens."

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In addition to the award for Outstanding Older South Carolinian, Bauer will also recognize seniors for contributions in volunteer service, leadership in aging, health promotion, and business and aging.

Presentations and information available on the Ruff Building stage and in the exhibit hall during the day will include the following:

- **Medicare Part D:** Beginning in November of 2003, all persons eligible for Medicare in South Carolina and around the nation will be eligible to enroll for prescription drug coverage through Medicare. This represents the largest change in the 40-year history of the Medicare program, and seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries need information about the choices available to them under the new program. Insurance companies will begin marketing their Medicare approved plans in mid-October, and representatives from the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging I-CARE insurance counseling program will be available all day long to answer questions and provide families with all available information about the prescription plans that have been approved for South Carolina.
- **SC Access:** Information about services available to seniors and individuals with disabilities in their home communities is critical. SC Access, a new Internet-based Information and Referral system developed by the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging was designed to fill that need. The SC Access database contains detailed information on over 10,000 services that can help elderly and disabled people stay in their homes longer, or find out-of-home care if they need it. And because the system is available on-line, anyone with access to a computer at home, work or at their public library can find the information they need for themselves or a loved one any time, 24 hours a day. Staff from the SC Access will be on hand all during the day on Wednesday to demonstrate the system and help first-time users get acquainted with SC Access.
- **Living Wills and Healthcare Powers of Attorney:** Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney have been in the news quite a bit recently. These important documents provide critical instructions to family members when an individual is incapacitated. Information and blank forms for creating your own advance directives for healthcare decisions will be available at the Office on Aging/ETV exhibit.
- **Entertainment on the Ruff Building Stage:** The stage in the Ruff Building will showcase numerous informative and entertaining speakers and acts during the day on Wednesday, including presentation of the annual Outstanding Older South Carolinian for 2005 Award by Lt. Governor André Bauer.